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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS STAGE BRIEF DEMONSTRATION

1. ON JUNE 17 WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC) SECRETARY GENERAL PHILIP POTTER ADDRESSED A CONGREGATION OF CHRISTIANS IN SEOUL'S CHONG-DONG METHODIST CHURCH. AFTER THE PRAYER MEETING, FAMILIES OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS WHO ATTENDED SERVICE MARCHED OUT OF CHURCH BEARING PLACARDS CALLING FOR RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY. POLICE INTERCEPTED THEM, REMOVED PLACARDS AND DISPERSED DEMONSTRATORS AND PASSERSBY. DURATION OF CONFRONTATION ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN TEN TO TWENTY MINUTES. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

2. DEMONSTRATION WAS SQUELCHED WITH SPEED AND EASE BY POLICE ALTHOUGH RUMOR MILLS ARE NOW PRODUCING EXAGGERATED VERSIONS OF EVENT. PRESENCE OF WCC'S POTTER, HOWEVER, AS WITNESS TO HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS' STRUGGLE MAY MAKE INCIDENT BITTER PILL FOR ROKG TO SWALLOW, FOR ON OCCASION OF POTTER'S VISIT, ROKG HAD BURIED ITS PATENT ANTIPATHY TO WCC AND SOME RANKING ROKG OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED HIM IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ROKG HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE.
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